

# HUA SONG MUSEUM



## 1. Hua Song Museum at a Glance

If you are Chinese Singaporean and have difficulty explaining your heritage to your children, a visit to Hua Song Museum will help you. If you are non-Chinese and wish to learn about how and why there are Chinese immigrants all over the world, you'll find the answers at Hua Song Museum as well.

The long road for these Chinese immigrants starts on foot and most come from southern China. According to the tour guide, the photo is particularly significant because it is actually the ancestral home of Senior Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew.

"Hua Song" means "in praise of the Chinese". The quaint and meaningful museum is located within the Haw Par Villa premises on Pasir Panjang Road. Admission to the fully guided tour of the museum is \$8.50 per adult and \$5.40 per child. It is open from 9am to 7pm and the tour is offered hourly. To make a reservation, call 6777 7819. The museum is open from Tuesday to Sunday (10am to 6pm) and closed on Mondays (unless it falls on a public holiday). Admission to Haw Par Villa is free but parking costs \$5.

## 3. Floating Hell

Here you will see a life-size replica of the living quarters of a Chinese junk. Imagine the living conditions migrants had to endure for three months or more at sea. Many of them died in such conditions, thus the name "Floating Hell".

## 4. Finding Work and Surviving

Entering "The Survivors" section, you will see various survival stories of both men and women as immigrants. Read the stories of child servants, prostitutes, Samsui women, Ma-jies (roles now replaced by foreign domestic helpers), railroad workers and gardeners. Look out and learn about the story of how Bing cherries came about. It was discovered by a Chinese gardener!

You might be a tad confused when you arrive at the Hua Song entrance since the front of the museum is a restaurant called "Made in China". You will walk through a section of the restaurant called "Wanlu Tang" to get to the starting point of the museum. The museum is stroller-friendly except for the tail end of it. There are just a few steps to navigate as you walk through the restaurant from the museum to get to the exit.

## 5. Food Fare

If you are interested to learn more about Chinese food, Hua Song will not disappoint. You'll even get to see a replica of a typical traditional Chinese kitchen. Always wondered how century egg is made? At the Grand Food Hall, you'll get information on every type of Chinese food you can think of. You'll find the answer here too. Spend some time reading about each food's background, serving style and the customs it's associated with.

## 2. The Long Road

Upon a brief welcome by the guide, you will start your journey with a Chinese man in pigtailed. The long corridor is covered with a scenic backdrop of a rural Chinese village, a representation of his ancestral home in China.

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